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RCO, FRANKFURT FOR FRDCO AND RSS; AND ATHENS FOR TSO

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SUBJECT: STORAGE OF CLASSIFIED POUCHES - ROUTE 102

(REF: (A) FRANKFURT 2465; (B) KARACHI 3001

1. SINCE APRIL 4, 1977, NICOSIA HAS BEEN UTILIZED AS A SHUTTLE
POINT FOR TRANSSHIPMENT OF CLASSIFIED AIR POUCHES TO DAMASCUS,
TEL AVIV, AMMAN, CAIRO, AND ATHENS. SELECTION OF THIS POST
AS A SUBSTATION WAS PREDICATED ON URGENT REQUIREMENTS STEMMING
FROM FRDCO'S ASSESSMENT OF THE "CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND
SPECIAL AREA CONSIDERATIONS" (REF A). POST HAS WELCOMED
THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST BUT WE HAVE NO ADEQUATE SECURE
STORAGE SPACE FOR THE LARGE AMOUNT (SOMETIMES TOTALLING 1800 LBS.)
OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL WE ARE ASKED TO SECURE FOUR DAYS OF
EVERY WORK WEEK.

2. AS OUR RESTRICTED AREAS AT POST ARE FULLY ENCUMBERED
WE CURRENTLY STORE THIS MATERIAL OVERNIGHT IN THE MARINE/
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RECEPTIONIST ENCLOSURE (BALLISTICALLY-RESISTANT, GROUND
FLOOR, LOBBY). ACCESS IS CONTROLLED BY THE MSG ON DUTY.
THIS ARRANGEMENT IS UNSATISFACTORY FROM SEVERAL STANDPOINTS.
FIRST, THE FN RECEPTIONIST/DISPATCHER AND TELEPHONE
OPERATOR ARE BOTH LOCATED IN ESSENTIALLY THE SAME ENCLOSURE,
SEPARATED BY A 3.5 FT. DIVIDING WALL. THIS DOES NOT PROVIDE
THE SECURITY SUCH SENSITIVE MATERIAL REQUIRES. SECOND,

BECAUSE OF THE MASS OF STACKED-UP POUCH BAGS, THE MSG ON DUTY LOSES MANEUVERABILITY AND MUCH OF HIS CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES. THIRDLY, THIS AREA IS NOT FIREPROOF.

3. POST IS CONSIDERING, AS A LONG-TERM SOLUTION, CONSTRUCTION OF A SMALL VAULT ON THE GROUND FLOOR, IN THE SPACE NOW OCCUPIED BY THE PRESENT TELEPHONE FRAME ROOM. THIS SPACE IS 11 FT X 13.5 FT., IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE NCOIC OFFICE AND THE UNCLASSIFIED POUCH ROOM, AND IS ABOUT 30 FT FROM THE MSG POST. CONSTRUCTION OF THE VAULT AND INSTALLATION OF AN ALARM SYSTEM WOULD BE SUPERVISED BY THE ATHENS TSO. BIGGEST DELAY FACTOR WOULD BE PROCUREMENT OF VAULT DOOR FROM US.

4. THIS PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE ACTION BY KARACHI RCO. POST HAS RECEIVED COMPONENTS FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW EPABX. THIS SYTEM WILL BE INSTALLED IN A SMALLER ROOM, THUS FREEING THE CURRENT TELEPHONE FRAME ROOM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE VAULT. BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF TECHNICAL STAFF, RCO HAS ADVISED POST HE IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A FIRM SCHEDULE FOR THE SYSTEM'S INSTALLATION (REF B).

5. IN SUM, AT PRESENT CLASSIFIED AIR POUCHES IN TRANSIT ARE INADEQUATELY STORED AND THERE IS CURRENTLY NO AVAILABLE UNOCCUPIED STORAGE SPACE TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT. THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION -- CONSTRUCTION OF A VAULT -- IS DEPENDENT ON SCHEDULING FOR INSTALLATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A NEW EPABX.

6. POST REQUESTS (A) APPROVAL OF VAULT CONSTRUCTION, (B) FUNDING FOR VAULT DOOR, AND (C) THAT OC/PE-PT COORDINATE WITH RCO KARACHI TO GIVE NICOSIA PRIORITY IN NEA FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW EPABX SYSTEM.

7. IF THIS CAN NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED IN NEAR FUTURE, FRDCO SHOULD RECONSIDER USING NICOSIA AS TRANSIT POINT, BECAUSE PRESENT POUCH-HOLDING PROCEDURES ARE INSECURE. CRAWFORD

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